

Draft of Minutes
Weare Center Advisory Group
October 26, 2004

Attendance

Lincoln Heafield	lincoln@manchestermotorfreight.com	529-1127
Jim Thompson	jim@weareins.com	529-4567(W)
Brian McDonald		
Bruce Clements		
Chuck Metcalf		
Heleen Kurk		
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Betty Straw		
Dot O'Neil		
Kate Doyle		
Paul Doscher		
Thomas Clow		

The meeting opened at 7:06 p.m., and Brian McDonald agreed to take the minutes. Paul Doscher passed out copies of the minutes from the previous meeting, and a motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes. The vote to accept was unanimous.

Paul Doscher introduced new members and mentioned that the voting membership would be capped at 20. (I believe that the two new people listed at the top above both agreed to join. This would bring the member ship to 20.)

Paul reviewed the three areas that had been discussed at the previous meeting: facilities ideally wanted in Weare Center, those things that we want to preserve, and what the group feels doesn't belong in Weare Center. He also pointed out the most frequent responses in each category.

Tom Clow said that there was a need for more in depth discussion on each item before we would know if the group could come to a consensus. This led to a discussion of consensus.

Paul then led a discussion of each item listed starting with those on the "ideally wanted" list. He recorded the groups reactions in two columns headed Consensus and To Discuss Further. The results thus far are as follows:

Consensus

Town Office Facility

Multipurpose Community Center – youth, seniors, civic, etc.

Village Green - including park and gazebo

Athletic Fields

Better Traffic Control

Safer Walkways
Adequate Parking Areas – aesthetically pleasing
Library

To Discuss Further

Public Toilets
Small Scale Retail
Restaurant
Office Space
Housing (senior)

The committee will continue this process at the next meeting.

Before the meeting ended Heleen Kirk brought up a discussion concerning the authority of the committee. She noted that this is an advisory committee – not a group with official authority over the Selectmen or Planning Board. Committee members present agreed that this is the case. There was further discussion of the word “district” and that the term has a specific meaning when used by the Planning Board. It was agreed that the word “district” would be taken out of the committee’s title. It was tentatively agreed that the committee would be called the Weare Center Advisory Group.

The next meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on December 7, 2004, at the Town Office Building.